

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 47 Hancock Street

Historic Name Bennett Williams House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1914

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Bungalow

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble

Wall/Trim stucco/wood

Roof tile

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

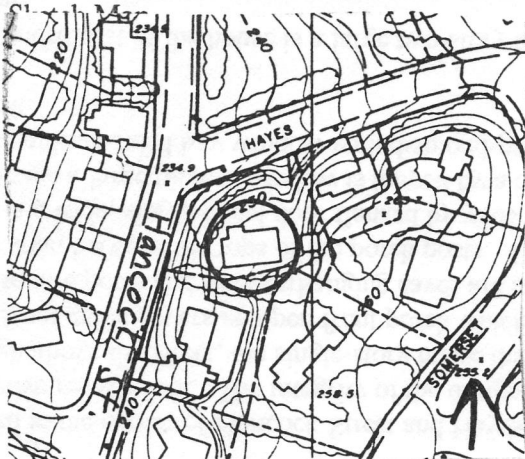
Major Alterations (with dates) 1995 - large,
unsympathetic addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 16,245 SF

Setting mixed residential neighborhood at corner of
Hayes



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (47 Hancock Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the corner of Hancock Street and Hayes Avenue, 47 Hancock Street is a large stuccoed bungalow which retains its distinctive red tile roof. The integrity of the design is marred only by a large, unsympathetic addition of recent construction. Set high above the street, the single-story house displays gently pitched broad gables which are characteristic of the style. A lower front gable covers an open front porch which is two bays wide and set above a rubble base. The porch is supported by squat square posts and the overhanging eaves are supported by triangular braces with pyramidal ends. Gently curved jigsawed pieces span between the tops of the porch posts. The building's lateral eaves display curved, exposed rafters. Underneath the porch is a wide, single-panel door flanked by wide partial sidelights filled with geometric designs and set above raised panels. The adjacent large picture window is topped by a diamond-paned transom. On the facade, adjacent to the projecting gable front is a three-sided bay window with diamond-paned transom. Facing Hayes Avenue is another three-sided window with a tile pent.

To the northeast of the house is a large two-story addition constructed in 1995 and set with its gable end facing Hayes Avenue.

A stone-wall lined driveway off Hayes Avenue ascends the hill behind the house. The stuccoed garage is capped by an asphalt-shingled roof with triangular braces supporting the projecting eaves. A wide overhead door faces the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was constructed in 1914 for Bennet G. Williams of Malden. The 1914 Valuation List indicates that Williams was assessed for just the lot but the following year was assessed for Lot D of the Hayes subdivision and a house valued at \$6000. Williams continued to live here until about 1922. The property was occupied from about 1924 until the mid 1930s by Claude Butterfield and his wife. Later owners included Dr. Malcolm and Joan Boyd from 1958 to 1982. Christine Lyman and Dale Lasden purchased the house in 1983.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*